**ABSTRACT** 

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## **ACTIVE MATRIX DEVICES**

An active matrix device comprises a supporting plate (20), an array of control elements (6), a set of row address conductors (26) on the plate for addressing the array to which selection signals are applied by a row driver circuit (22), and a set of column address conductors (12) on the plate to which data signals are applied by a column driver circuit (22) for conduction to the array. Connection from the respective driver circuits (22) to at least some of both sets of address conductors is via the same side of the array, the profile of the plate around the other sides of the array being non-rectangular. Greater flexibility in the design of such devices is thus provided.

[Figure 3]